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## **Joseph P. Duenas**



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Mr. Joseph P. Duenas is the Assistant General Counsel (AGC) (Intelligence Law) for the Department of the Navy (DON). He was selected to be a member of the Senior Executive Service in December 2008 and promoted to assume his present duties on February 2, 2009. As AGC (Intel Law) he is responsible for managing and directing intelligence law matters within the framework of applicable Navy policy and legal policies set forth by the Secretary of the Navy and General Counsel, in coordination with the Office of the Judge Advocate General. Mr. Duenas' duties encompass all aspects of providing advice and counsel on intelligence law matters, to include Special Access Programs. He ensures that DON intelligence and intelligence-related activities are conducted in compliance with law and regulation. He also assists the General Counsel, Principal Deputy General Counsel, and Deputy Counsel perform their intelligence oversight responsibilities. Mr. Duenas also provides advice and counsel to senior intelligence officials within the DON and oversees the work of the Counsel, Special Projects Division in providing legal advice and support to Navy and non-Navy activities. He is a member of the OGC Executive Steering Group.

Mr. Duenas served as Counsel, Navy Special Projects Division and Counsel, Navy Engineering Logistics Office from 1989 through January 2009. In these roles he supervised an office of more than ten attorneys and staff, supporting senior Navy officials who were tasked with intelligence responsibilities and classified program and mission requirements. This diverse and challenging practice included support in acquisition matters, fiscal law issues, civilian personnel law, environmental and real property law, and intelligence law matters. Mr. Duenas was recognized by the Director of National Intelligence as the 2008 National Intelligence Attorney of the Year.

Mr. Duenas served as Associate Counsel, Special Projects Division from 1987 until he became Counsel in 1989. Prior to that he served as an associate counsel in the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (1984-87), a trial attorney in the Navy Litigation Office (1982-84), and as a program support attorney for the Joint Cruise Missile Project

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Mr. Duenas received a bachelor's of arts degree from New Mexico Highlands University in 1975 and was awarded his juris doctor degree from Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law in 1978. He is a member of the District of Columbia bar.